



## **University Boulevard CAT Meeting #5**

**Langley Park-McCormick ES**

**Question & Responses**

**October 15, 2019**

**Question: Are bus stops being coned off?**

Response: PLTC intends to keep bus stops open in their existing location. When construction necessitates it, bus stops will be relocated. Relocations are coordinated closely with the appropriate bus agencies.

**Question: Can the concrete barriers that were placed by University Boulevard at Temple Street be moved? They are blocking the bus stop there.**

Response: PLTC is working to remove some of the concrete barriers in this area.

**Question: What is the final configuration of the area near the University Boulevard-Adelphi Road-Campus Drive intersection?**

Response: As part of the Purple Line project, sidewalks will be installed on both the south and north side of University Boulevard. To view the final configuration, please visit [www.purplelinemd.com/component/jdownloads/send/17-aerial-maps/350-university-boulevard-adelphi-road-to-umd-new](http://www.purplelinemd.com/component/jdownloads/send/17-aerial-maps/350-university-boulevard-adelphi-road-to-umd-new)

**Question: Is it possible to patrol the work zones or install fencing at the paved medians? Passersby often enter the work zones.**

Response: Safety, both of passersby and of our workers, is of utmost importance to the project. Any pedestrians that enter the work zones will be asked to leave for their safety. With respect to fencing, it does not allow the craftspeople and equipment to move freely through the work zone in the median.

**Question: Can PLTC investigate the temporary pedestrian light that was recently installed by the Northwest Branch Bridge? There are no pedestrian facilities there.**

Response: PLTC installed temporary pedestrian traffic signals and a crosswalk on University Boulevard near the Northwest Branch Bridge for pedestrians to safely cross the street and not walk through the work zone since the sidewalk is currently closed.

**Question: Where can we see design plans for this area?**

Response: If you are interested in reviewing design plans for this area, please reach out to PLTC by email [outreach@pltcllc.com](mailto:outreach@pltcllc.com) or phone (240) 424-5325 to schedule a meeting for review.

**Question: Will concrete barriers be put up along the western portion of this segment of University Boulevard?**

Response: Concrete barriers are placed where work is happening. As overhead and underground utility relocation moves west to Piney Branch Road, the concrete barriers will be placed there as well.

**Question: Is it possible to avoid lane closures during peak hours?**

Response: During the morning and afternoon peak hours, two thru lanes are maintained.

**Question: How long will lane closures last?**

Response: Lane closures are shifted depending on the location of the active work. Lane closures are in accordance with the MDOT State Highway Administration (SHA) issued permits.

**Question: Where will you be pile driving?**

Response: Pile driving, which is currently happening, is required to construct the new bridge that will replace the existing Northwest Branch bridge.

**Question: How are your crews able to work in the dead of night?**

Response: When working nights, crews use light plants to illuminate the work zone.

**Question: Will there ultimately be no eastbound left turn onto Temple Street from University Boulevard?**

Response: In the final configuration, left turns onto Temple Street from eastbound University Boulevard will not be allowed.

**Question: Will the median that separates the service road from the travel lanes be removed?**

Response: No, there will still be service roads separated by a concrete median.

**Question: Will you be replacing every water main in the area?**

Response: PLTC is replacing many water mains that run from Piney Branch Road to Riggs Road, but not all.

**Question: What does signal reconstruction at University Boulevard and New Hampshire look like?**

Response: Signal reconstruction will be done in phases which consist of replacing existing traffic signal equipment with new equipment and modifying the signal timing. During certain work, including installation of tracks, marked crossways will be closed, but pedestrian access will always be provided.

**Question: Are you working with local police with respect to pedestrian safety at problematic intersections?**

Response: PLTC works with Prince George's County and Montgomery County Police Departments to ensure pedestrian safety. Officers have been posted in the paved median or in a parking lot to help slow down traffic.

**Question: Is fencing part of the final configuration of University Boulevard?**

Response: Fencing will be a part of the final configuration along University Boulevard. There will be a fence on each side of the light rail tracks but not at major intersections.

**Question: What is the most efficient way to share any questions or concerns with you all?**

Response: Construction-related questions or concerns can be addressed to PLTC: [outreach@pltcllc.com](mailto:outreach@pltcllc.com) or (240) 424-5325. General questions or concerns can be addressed to MTA: [outreach@purplelinemd.com](mailto:outreach@purplelinemd.com) or (443) 451-3706 or (443) 451-3705 (español)